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SUBJECT: TIN: STOCKPILE DISPOSALS

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1. ALLEN ADVISES THAT PRODUCERS MET YESTERDAY TO DISCUSS STRATEGY FOR FORTHCOMING COUNCIL SESSION. PRODUCERS HAVE AGREED TO REQUEST US EMBOFF TO ATTEND MEETING OF HEADS OF DELEGATION TO BE HELD DURING COUNCIL SESSION, PROBABLY MARCH 28 TH.

2. ALLEN FURTHER STATES THAT PRODUCERS WILL SEEK ASSURANCES ON FOLLOWING ISSUES:

A. THAT USG WILL CONSULT WITH ITC PRIOR TO INITIATING ANY DISPOSAL PROGRAMS INVOLVING TIN.

B. THAT 1966 AGREEMENT REMAINS IN FORCE (ALLEN SAYS THAT SOME MEMBERS HAVE HEARD REMARKS IN WASHINGTON THAT SUGGESTS THIS MAY NOT BE CASE.)

C. THAT USG WILL KEEP ITC INFORMED ABOUT STOCKPILE DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY MAY AFFECT TIN.

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3. WE ASSUME THAT THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM IN GIVING GENERAL ASSURANCES THAT CONSULTATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE. HOWEVER WE NOT AT ALL CERTAIN HOW USG CURRENTLY VIEWS 1966 AGREEMENT AND HAVE BEEN CAREFUL AVOID EXPRESSING ANY OPINIONS ON ITS VALIDITY, LET ALONE ITS MEANING. ON POINT (C) WE NOT ENTIRELY CERTAIN WHAT PRODUCERS MAY HAVE IN MIND.

4. PLEASE ADVISE HOW DEPARTMENT WISHES EMBOFF TO RESPOND, PARTICURLZ

MONA PASSAGE. THESE OCCURRENCES, WELL PUBLICIZED IN THE LOCAL PRESS, HAVE ALMOST CERTAINLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE CURRENT GODR SENSITIVITY TO THE REFINERY PROPOSAL.

3. THE EMBASSY FEELS THAT U. S. ENERGY AND ANTI- POLLUTION INTERESTS BOTH AT AZUA AND MONA ISLAND WOULD BE BEST SERVED IF EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IS DONE TO ASSUAGE THE LEGITIMATE CONCERNS OF THE GODR. WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE MONA ISLAND PROJECT AS WELL AS ON STEPS BEING TAKEN IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS TO ATTACK THE PROBLEM OF OIL DUMPING ON THE HIGH SEAS.

4. THIS ISSUE WILL PROBABLY BE RAISED BY GODR DURING DOMINICAN/ PUERTO RICAN BILATERAL TALKS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL IN SAN JUAN, AND EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT ADVISE PUERTO RICAN AUTHORITIES OF THIS PROBABILITY IN ADVANCE.
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